

The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents

New Residents

We welcome this month:

Mr. and Mrs. Parker, 15 Oatlands Avenue
Mr. and Mrs. Payne, 37 Partridge Drive
Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, 38 Partridge Drive.

PLAYGROUPS EASTER FAIR

SATURDAY, 3rd APRIL at the School, from 3 p.m.

ASSORTED HOME-MADE EASTER EGGS
HOME PRESERVES
GLOVE PUPPETS and ASSORTED NOVELTIES
GRAND EASTER RAFFLE
ART AND HANDICRAFTS STALL, etc. etc.
BOYS' AND GIRLS' EASTER HAT COMPETITION
VARIOUS SIDE-SHOWS to try your skill at.

EVERYONE WELCOME. ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON GUARANTEED.

Playgroup

Through the kindness of two people, and with the money from the Residents Association, we have managed to raise enough to go ahead with our scheme for continuing the Playgroup in temporary huttred accommodation.

Planning permission should be obtained within the next fortnight, and we shall then purchase the hut and start the task of erecting and getting it into order. This means that the Playgroup will have to pay back about £600 over the next two to three years.

Our first money-raiser is the Easter Fair, which we hope you will support. Collections will be made for a bottle and white elephant stall.

If anyone has any 4-ply wool they do not want, could they please give it to either Marie Purvey, 38 Otter Close, or Pam Lakin, 22 Almond Grove, or contact the above if they would be willing to help in any way.

Pam Lakin

Bar Hill W.I.

There will be a demonstration by Kakebrand (Chocolate) in the School on
** Thursday, 4th March at 7.45 p.m. All welcome.

B A H D S

Drama Group meetings are now being held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at 32 Acorn Avenue. Anyone interested, however inexperienced, will be most welcome. Don't be shy. Come and meet us; no membership fee (yet!), no obligation, so why not give it a try?

Peter Headland

Bar Hill Parent Teacher Association

Mr. Fred Sumner, the historian and antiquarian, will be coming to the School on Thursday, 11th March at 8 p.m. to tell us how to encourage our children to find out about the history of their own localities. There will be a notice sent out nearer the date as a reminder.

A committee meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd March, to which all people who can help at, or who are interested in, the May celebrations at the School on May 22nd were invited. If you missed the meeting, but would like to take part, please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Judy Dale, 16 Almond Grove (Crafts Hill 542) - the committee will welcome your ideas, as well as your help.

Newcomers

The committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the soft-toy making, and to say that it was a successful project.

All the money that is raised by the Newcomers goes towards the new Church Centre. We hope that as soon as we have premises during the day, we shall be able to fulfil the aim that we originally intended: that is, to help the women of Bar Hill get to know each other and to provide interesting activities during the day.

Until then, we have to content ourselves with coffee mornings and evening meetings. The next evening meeting will be on 18th March; further details will be sent out nearer the day.

56th Cambridge (Longstanton) Scout Group Waste Paper Collection

On behalf of the above Scout Group, may I personally say thank you, all very much for your help before Christmas, in raising a grand total of $6\frac{1}{2}$ tons of waste paper, etc., which was collected from us in the early part of January.

Whilst speaking of January, please accept our apologies for not collecting regularly during that month, the reason being that it was very wet and things got a bit out of hand. We have now reorganised, with more of the boys taking part in the collecting, and now hope for better times ahead. The following boys are in the Group and will be glad to help you in any way and will make arrangements for the collecting of waste paper, cardboard, etc.:-

Acorn Avenue	(Clifford Rapley)	
	(James Miller)	
Robin Close	Robert Muir)	<u>Scouts</u>
	(Ian Lancaster)	
Gladeside	(Kevan Barnes)	
	
Almond Grove	Henry Dale)	<u>Cubs</u>
Gladeside	Russell Barnes)	

Or contact me, Terry Barnes (Group Scout Leader), tel. Crafts Hill 221, any evening after 7.45 p.m.

Please note the new times of collecting in the Village, as from March:

<u>Phase 1</u>	(Acorn Avenue, Almond Grove, Robin Close, The Mall, Gladeside,	<u>First</u> weekend of every month
<u>Phase 2</u>	(Otter Close, Otter Gardens, Oatlands Avenue)	<u>Third</u> weekend of every month.

This will give the boys time to take up their own personal activities still, the remaining weekends.

May I please ask: if you save your paper for us, may it be left in the garage or dustbin place, so that the boys can collect it without disturbing you in any way.

Wanted urgently Any old pram wheels and strong pieces of timber for making trolleys (as it is expensive to run a 1300 around the Village collecting) Thank you very much. Terry Barnes.

Guides

The Guide Commissioner for Cambridgeshire is investigating the possibility of forming a Guide Company on Bar Hill in the Autumn. Any girls between 10 and 15 years are eligible. Would all those interested please contact Mrs. T. Parrott, 2 Acorn Avenue, Bar Hill, telephone Crafts Hill 329.

Mobile Library

The Library which is open twice weekly in the School will continue as before, but in addition (for the time being at least) residents will also be able to take advantage of the County's Mobile Library Service. It will visit the Village at the following times during March:

<u>Tues. 16th March</u>	Acorn Avenue and Almond Grove 'roundabout':	3.35 - 4 p.m.
	Robin Close and Gladeside:	4.05 - 4.30.
<u>Tues. 23rd March</u>	Otter Close:	10.00 - 10.25 a.m.
	Oatlands Avenue	10.25 - 10.40.

Gardening Club

*** Following the meeting last month the Gardening Club (Bar Hill Horticultural Society) has been formed and will be holding its first meeting on Wednesday 3rd March at 8 p.m. in the School. After a brief discussion on the draft set of rules which the committee will present, Mr. Sulman will give a talk on "Fruit Growing in a Small Garden", followed by questions. All interested are invited to attend.

The Gardening Club is offering, to members only, gardening requisites at reduced rates each Sunday from 11.45 a.m. until 12.45, from a garage in Phase 2A, starting on 7th March (please consult your nearest committee member, for precise details). The membership fees consist of an initial joining fee of 25p and an annual subscription, also of 25p. People wishing to join can do so each Sunday, or by contacting any member of the committee, who are as follows:

			<u>Tel.</u>
Secretary	Mrs. Bishop	18 Acorn Avenue	
Trading Sec.	Mr. Page	28 Otter Close	
Treasurer	Mr. Reed	30 Oatlands Avenue	
	Mrs. Pook	32 Acorn Avenue	220
	Mrs. Tubbitt	27 Otter Gardens	298
	Mr. Duce	22 Gladeside	
	Mr. Ellis	35 Oatlands Avenue	
	Mr. Neill	1 Oatlands Avenue	205
	Mr. Taylor	28 Otter Gardens	284.

Letters: Dogs

The Editor, Bar Hill Newsletter

Dear Sir,

This letter is an appeal to the owners of an Alsatian dog, that is allowed to roam around Acorn Avenue.

Several times recently this dog has overturned dustbins and strewn the contents around the gardens.

It is especially worrying to mothers whose young children may approach the dog, and cause it to snap at them.

Yours, etc.,

P. A. Thrift (Mrs.),
12 Acorn Avenue.

Dear Sir,

I should like to make an appeal on behalf of all the people who have complained to me. The appeal is to the dog-owners of Bar Hill who allow their dogs to roam at random round the Village.

Please, if it is impossible to keep a dog in all the time, perhaps a special effort could be made on Thursdays, when the dustbins are collected. The dogs are scavenging in the refuse-bags and spreading rubbish everywhere. So in the interests of hygiene and the tidiness of our Village, please may we have a "dogless" Thursday.

Yours etc.,

Penny Fromant

Dear Sir,

May I add a third appeal to those printed above, namely that dog-owners should try to prevent their dogs from fouling paths and lawns - especially unfenced front gardens - and train them instead to use the gutters or, preferably, a chosen patch of their own gardens.

Some local authorities impose fines upon owners whose dogs are not kept under proper control; in other countries, apparently, "canine comfort stations" are specially provided. Here, we have to rely on a sense of responsibility on the one hand and public opinion on the other; and again, small children are the ones most at risk. Just imagine the outcry, if the children themselves caused such a nuisance - or indeed, any other creature but Man's Best Friend!

Yours etc., Gillian Wills

The Residents Association and the Parish Council

A meeting to agree a division of responsibilities between the Parish Council and the Residents Association was held recently. It was agreed that, although the Parish Council is to some extent handicapped by the fact that most of the land in the Village is owned by the Developers and neither the roads nor the footpaths have been taken over by the local authority, it does have some statutory powers, and there are a number of ways in which it can be effective. It was agreed that it could only cause irritation and confusion if the bodies pursued the same objectives simultaneously, and the following division of responsibility was agreed.

A. The Parish Council: to negotiate as appropriate with the County Council, the Rural District Council and the Developers on -

1. The overall planning and development of the Village
2. The Village Green, Park and Playing Fields
3. The Health Centre
4. Library facilities
5. The fly-over, roads and street lighting
6. Public footpaths and Rights of Way
7. Attraction of industry and commerce to the Village.

Other matters which are usually the concern of Parish Councils and may or may not apply in Bar Hill include: allotments, public baths, mortuaries, boating pools, war memorials and public clocks to name but a few. Where the Parish Council has no powers, it can bring pressure on the Rural District Council and the County Council.

B. The Residents Association

1. To act as a ginger group regarding the above and to bring matters to the attention of the Parish Council and the Developers.
2. To negotiate with the Developers over maintenance of communal areas, maintenance charges, television aerial
3. Assistance to other clubs and societies in the Village
4. Fostering community spirit, welcoming new residents
5. Publication of Newsletter
6. Provision of playground equipment on Village Green when completed.

Whither Bar Hill?

At the time of going to press the following facts were available:

- i) the County Council's budget for 1971-72 includes provision for a clinic for Bar Hill. It will contain two general practitioner suites;
- ii) specimens of houses to be built in the Village are being erected in Phase 6, in one "close", to be called Fox Hollow - this will constitute a "show area" for about two years;
- iii) Phase 2 is developing rapidly and a number of plots have been reserved;
- iv) groundworks for the Motel in the perimeter ground east of the access road from A 604 should begin within a few weeks;
- v) the flyover is firmly established as a project agreed by the Dept. of the Environment, the County Council, and the Developers, and, subject to progress with the much larger overall scheme for trunking A 604 and the Cambridge "by pass" proposals, work on the flyover should be well advanced by the end of the year;
- vi) further factory units should be seen to be growing very shortly, and negotiations are proceeding with prospective shopkeepers. F.R.A.

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